

**CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

***ONE & TWO FAMILY DWELLING
FIRE AND SAFETY CHECKLIST***

Occupancy and Means of Egress

Is there a safe, continuous and unobstructed path of travel from any point in the home to an exit?

Are all exit doors and windows operable from the inside, without the need for keys, or special effort?

Is there a secondary means of egress from every sleeping room and living area?

Do basement bedrooms have windows 5.7 sq. ft. with minimum height and width and are operable?

Are bedrooms and occupancy limits compliant?

Do occupants have an emergency plan and know emergency numbers and a meeting place?

Fire Protection

Is there an operable smoke detector on each level of the home?

Is there an operable smoke detector outside each sleeping room in the house?

Is there a smoke detector in each bedroom?

Are smoke detectors tested monthly and are batteries replaced bi-annually?

Are smoke detectors mounted on walls (4"-12" from ceiling), on ceilings (4" from wall), or vaulted ceiling (at highest point)?

Are any smoke detectors more than 10 years old?

Are house numbers clearly displayed and visible from the front street?

If there is a sprinkler system, is it turned on, tagged, and in operating condition?

Fire resistive construction

If this is an attached unit, does the common wall display integrity and separation from the neighboring unit?

Are walls and ceilings proper fire rating intact? No holes or opening?

Housekeeping

Have you removed all electrical cords from underneath rugs and checked to make sure cords are not frayed, cracked or broken?

Are all flammable liquids stored away from the house and away from heat sources?

Are all combustibles such as curtains, chairs, firewood, etc. stored at least three feet away from a stove?

Are any combustible liquids stored properly and in properly labeled containers? Away from heaters, furnaces, water heaters, ranges and other gas appliances? Out of the reach of children?

Are vented heaters properly ventilated and heaters not installed in sleeping rooms?

Are any portable electric heaters located at least three feet away from upholstered furniture, drapes, bedding, or other combustible materials?

If using an extension cord with an electric heater, is it marked #14 or #12 American Wire Gauge (AWG)?

Are portable electric heaters being used properly and not operated when family members are not in the house, or are sleeping?

Is the storage area above a stove free of flammable and combustible items?

Is the home free from accumulations of rubbish, garbage or other materials?

Is the home free from accumulations of combustible, flammable, explosive or other hazardous materials, such as wastepaper, boxes, and rags?

Is there a fire extinguisher in the kitchen or garage?

Are there any electrical outlets with more than two appliances plugged into it?

Are chimneys regularly cleaned and inspected?

All combustible appliances checked annually by a professional and all flues sound without holes or deterioration?

Do water heaters have an operable temperature and pressure relief valve?

Are stove/cooking vents clear, free of excessive buildup, and not in contact with loose, combustible objects?